

mitted to the voters at an election, unless within said period of thirty days there shall be filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners a petition for an election on such question, signed by at least twenty-five per cent of the registered voters of said county. This notice was first published on the 3d day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

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Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

SEC. 4. If a sufficient petition shall be filed with the board of county commissioners as provided in this section, no bonds shall be issued under this act unless and until the question of issuing such bonds shall be submitted to the voters of Rowan County at an election and a majority of the votes cast at said election are in favor of issuing such bonds. A petition demanding that the question of issuing the bonds be submitted to the voters at an election may be filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners within thirty days after the first publication of the notice aforesaid. The petition shall be in writing and signed by at least twenty-five per cent of the registered voters in the county as shown by the registration books for the last preceding election therein. The residence address of each signer shall be written after his signature. Each signature to the petition shall be verified by a statement (which may relate to a specified number of signatures) made by some adult resident freeholder of the county under oath before an officer competent to administer oaths, to the effect that the signature was made in his presence and is the genuine signature of the person whose name is purports to be. The petition need not be all on one sheet. If on more than one sheet, it shall be verified as to each sheet. The clerk of the board of county commissioners shall investigate the sufficiency of the petition and present it to the board of county commissioners with a certificate stating the results of his investigation. The board of county commissioners shall thereupon determine the sufficiency of the petition, and the determination of said board shall be conclusive.

Election to be called if sufficient petition is presented.
Form of petition prescribed.
Signatures, verified.
Clerk of commissioners to investigate sufficiency.
Determination of board conclusive.

SEC. 5. If the board of county commissioners determine a petition filed as aforesaid to be sufficient, the board shall submit the question of issuing bonds under this act to voters at a special election to be held as soon as may be practicable. The board of county commissioners shall fix the date for holding said election, shall name the registrars and judges of election for the voting precincts of said county, and shall cause notice of said election to be given by publication at least once at least thirty days before the election in some newspaper published in Rowan County. Said election shall be held and conducted in all respects in accordance with the provisions of law relating to the holding and conducting of elections for members of the General Assembly. Those quali-

Conduct of election.
Notice.